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To Interested Persons:

TENTATIVE CONDITIONAL WAIVERS OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS – PROPOSED ORDERS

On 28 November 2005, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) extended the expiration date of Resolution No. R5-2003-0105, *Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges From Irrigated Lands Within the Central Valley Region* (Conditional Waivers) to 30 June 2006. Since then, staff of the Central Valley Water Board participated in collaborative discussions with stakeholders regarding the proposed requirements for the Conditional Waivers.

Attached are the notice of public hearing and two tentative documents related to the Conditional Waiver Orders for Coalition Groups and Individual Dischargers. There are several reasons for the changes proposed in these documents compared to the existing Conditional Waivers, including:

- California Water Code changes since 2003
- Adoption of the fee schedule in 2005
- Revision of the Nonpoint Source Policy in 2004
- Updates to the California Toxics Rule, National Toxics Rule, and State Implementation Policy (SIP), of which the SIP was revised in 2005
- New Order number and date, updated references to the 2003 Conditional Waiver and revised Coalition Group Monitoring and Reporting Program issued in August 2005
- Separate Coalition Group and Individual Discharger Orders
- Clarifications or updates for definitions, water district coverage, terminology, and Environmental Impact Report status

A highlighted version of the proposed Coalition Group Conditional Waiver showing the changes from the existing Conditional Waivers will be posted on the Central Valley Water Board website by 26 April 2006.

Please provide comments on the attached proposed Orders no later than **5:00 p.m. on 19 May 2006** in writing by mail, fax, or email to:

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If you have any questions, you may contact Ms. Wendy Cohen at (916) 464-5817 or wcohen@waterboards.ca.gov or me at (916) 464-4848 or wcroyle@waterboards.ca.gov.

Original signed by

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Attachments (3)

- Notice of Public Hearing
- Tentative Coalition Group Conditional Waiver Order:
- Tentative Individual Discharger Conditional Waiver Order:

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL VALLEY REGION

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PUBLIC HEARING

concerning

ORDERS ADOPTING
CONDITIONAL WAIVERS OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS
FOR
DISCHARGES FROM IRRIGATED LANDS

On 11 July 2003, the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (Central Valley Water Board) adopted Resolution No. R5-2003-0105, *Conditional Waivers of Waste Discharge Requirements for Discharges From Irrigated Lands Within the Central Valley Region* (Conditional Waivers) pursuant to Water Code Section 13269 for discharges from irrigated lands to surface waters. Resolution No. R5-2003-0105 expires on 30 June 2006.

The Central Valley Water Board will consider adopting two new Conditional Waiver Orders to take effect on 1 July 2006. Both Orders contain two attachments. Attachment A in both Orders is *Applicable Water Quality Control Plans, Definitions, and Information Sheet* and Attachment B in both Orders is *Terms and Conditions*.

A public hearing concerning this matter will be held during the Central Valley Water Board meeting, which is scheduled for:

DATE: **22 June 2006**
TIME: **8:30 A.M.**
PLACE: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
11020 Sun Center Drive
Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114

Persons wishing to comment on this noticed hearing item must submit such comments in writing to the Central Valley Water Board no later than **19 May 2006**. Written comments submitted after **19 May 2006** will not be accepted and will not be incorporated into the administrative record unless allowed by the Central Valley Water Board. The administrative record for this matter includes the administrative record for the 2003 Conditional Waivers.

All interested persons may speak at the Central Valley Water Board meeting and are expected to orally summarize their written comments. Oral testimony will be limited in time by the Central Valley Water Board Chairman.

Anyone having questions on this matter should contact Ms. Wendy Cohen at (916) 464-5817. Interested parties may download related documents from the Central Valley Water Board's

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Internet website at

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/programs/irrigated_lands/index.html#News.

Copies of these documents can also be obtained by contacting or visiting the Central Valley Water Board's office at 11020 Sun Center Drive, #200, Rancho Cordova, California 95670-6114 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The procedures governing Water Board hearings may be found at Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 647 et seq. and is available upon request. Hearings before the Central Valley Water Board are not conducted pursuant to Government Code section 11500 et seq. The procedures may be obtained by accessing http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_laws/index.html.

Information on meeting and hearing procedures are also available on the Water Board's website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_meetings/mtgprocd.html or by contacting any one of the Water Board's offices. Questions regarding such procedures should be directed to Ms. Janice Tanaka at (916) 464-4839.

The meeting facilities will be accessible to persons with disabilities. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to contact Ms. Tanaka at (916) 464-4839 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

Please bring the above information to the attention of anyone you know who would be interested in this matter.



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